

## **RESPONDING TO JESUS, Pt. 2: CHRIST'S INVINCIBLE KINGDOM**

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**TEXT: Mark 6:14-32**

**MAIN IDEA:** Though Persecution against Christ Kingdom will happen, it cannot stop Christ's Kingdom but ultimately advances it.

**THE FAME OF JESUS' NAME (Mark 6:14-16):** Reports of healing, deliverance from demon possession and miracles performed through the disciples in the authority of Jesus' name had reached Herod. This was very disturbing to Herod because of what he did to John the Baptist.

**V14-16:** Herod heard the reports about a miracle worker passing through the area under his rule. Rumors circulated that it was John the Baptist back from the dead (v14), or Elijah coming before the Messiah (v15). Herod was haunted by the thought that John the Baptist, had come back to life (v16).

**Numbers 32:23**

**Rom. 14:11-12**

**THE MURDER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Mark 6:17-28):** John preached repentance from sin and faith in the LORD. He boldly and repeatedly called Herod to repent of his adultery and incest expressed in his union with his brother's wife. Consequently, he was arrested and at the appointed time eventually murdered at the evil request of Herod's wife working through her daughter.

**John 3:22-22, 28-30**

**V21-25:** Herodias finally found the way to under John, whom she despised for calling her to repent. She arranged for her daughter to dance for Herod and his guests during His birthday party. Drunk and aroused by his stepdaughter's dance, Herod promised to give her whatever she wanted up to half the kingdom. Prompted by her mother she requests John's head onto a platter.

**Rev. 21:6-8**

**THE ADVANCE OF THE KINGDOM (MARK 6:29-32):** John's disciple's expressed their love and grief for him by taking his body away to give it a proper burial. Yet the work of the Kingdom advanced. John's entire ministry pointed to Christ and even in his death, the baton of the Gospel was passed.

**Tertulian, 2nd Century Church Father (155-220AD):** *The blood of martyrs is the seed of the church.*

**Lk. 13:31-35**

**V30-32:** Christ's ministry through the disciples was so effective that the LORD personally encouraged them to rest and recover in order to recharge because they were in such high demand, even after John's death.

**1 Cor. 15:58**